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2010's top local stories



Sugarloaf lift crash

Several injured when cable apparently jumps its track, spilling skiers to the ground.

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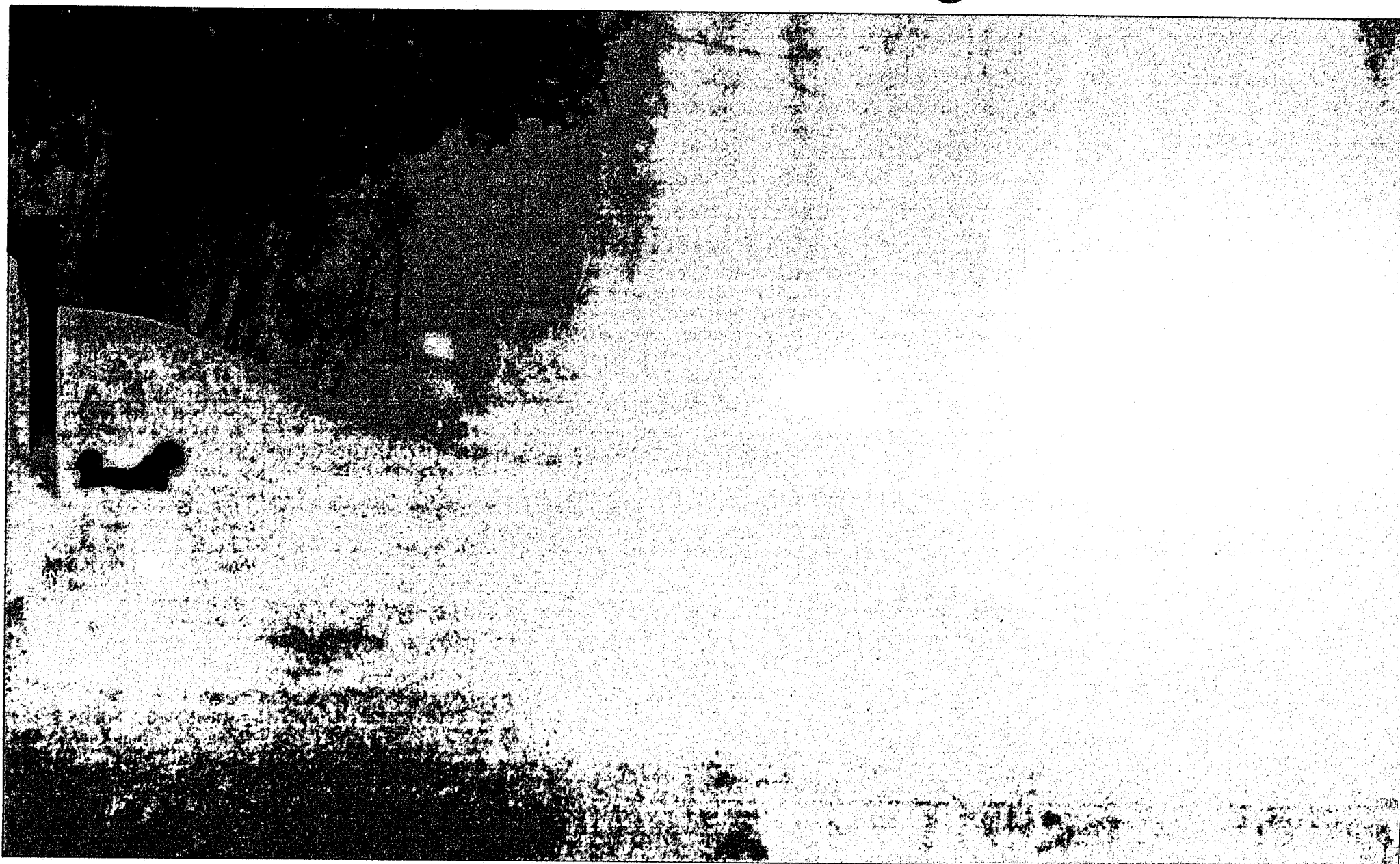
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Snow and Pepper add seasoning to Vacation Week



At 7 Monday morning, in near whiteout conditions, Pepper the pooch (left) watches as cars creep their way up Main Street in Bethel. Pepper's person, Tara Ingraham, was just out of sight to the left, with Pepper securely on a leash. For more storm photos, see Page 8.
(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Top Local Stories of 2010

Back from the brink, Saunders Brothers mill will soon take on furniture assembly

Monday was a snow day at Saunders Brothers in Locke Mills, "but six people came in anyway," said Louise Jonaitis.

In to work at the recently reopened mill, which now employs 16 people, she said.

That's a far cry from the 55 people who were employed when the year began, but it's much better than was the case for much of the summer, when the mill was closed, its windows boarded up, and no

one was coming to work.

A turning mill, Saunders Brothers had produced dowels, rolling pins, handles for tools and paintbrushes, duck calls, honey-dip sticks, as well as small wooden parts for toys and novelty items.

As recently as three years ago, Jonaitis said, Saunders Brothers was also turning \$12 million a year in annual sales.

But last year, as the current recession was beginning, the mill sold only \$3.5 million

worth of its products, and in the spring the plant went into foreclosure.

Auctions followed, but initially produced no deals (in part because of the fear of possible financial liability for the clean-up of a small, PCB-contaminated lot that is part of the mill property).

It appeared Saunders Brothers would be the last in a line of Alder River wood mills that stretched back to 1819, when Samuel Locke, the namesake

for Locke Mills village, established the first.

In August, however, Jonaitis and a partner, Steve LaFreniere of Howland, purchased the mill for \$450,000 (roughly a third of what the town of Greenwood values the property).

They vowed to restart the business and to begin rebuilding employment here.

They began by narrowing

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School-budget years tougher and tighter

Facing yet another year of reduced state aid, SAD 44 shrunk its budget in 2010, and prepared for the possibility of closing two schools in 2011.

"We're about to enter Phase 2 in the history of SAD 44, because of fiscal issues beyond our control," Superintendent Dave Murphy told the School Board in February. "Whatever decisions we make in the next year or two will impact the district for the next 40 years."

In June voters approved a \$9.2 million budget, \$1 million less than two years earlier. But residents still had to shoulder tax increases, to help fill in a \$700,000 funding hole.

For its part, the district eliminated 15 positions.

Looking ahead to the 2011-2012 school year, Murphy said he expected further cuts in state aid, with SAD 44 ap-

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Voters retire Bethel's Police Department

"I've had to eat crow in my life," said Bethel Selectman Don Bennett, "but this plate is certainly the most pleasant crow I've eaten."

The fowl in question was the result of Bethel's transition in 2010 from having its own Police Department, to contracting with Oxford County for 24/7 law enforcement - a change Bennett strongly opposed.

Like a seven-year itch, the idea of such a changeover had been raised in the past, but never quite won sufficient

voter approval.

In both 1987 and 2003, the Bethel Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee looked into the question and ended up recommending voters to approve a change.

Those recommendations were based in large part on evaluations of the cost effectiveness of continuing to operate a local department.

But there was also concern that the BPD was chronically understaffed, and that academy-trained officers kept leaving for better-paying jobs else-

where.

Or, in the case of police chiefs, kept getting fired.

In both cases, however, Town Meeting voters handily rejected the change.

But the issue arose again in 2009, and in early February of 2010 it appeared that the third time was the charm.

Voters who turned out at a special Town Meeting on the matter opted 104-89 to replace the Bethel officers with county deputies.

But soon after the meeting, complaints were raised that

the ballot wording and voting process were so confusing that some people ended up voting contrary to their own wishes.

After much discussion, some of it quite heated, the selectmen accepted a petition, signed by 215 voters, and agreed to put the matter to a referendum vote on the day prior to June's Town Meeting.

This time around there was no arguing with the voters' intent, expressed in a 526-403 restatement of the February

See POLICING, Page 4

Wind project buffeted by state, local appeals

The Spruce Mountain Wind Project, which seemed to have overall citizen support in Woodstock, ran into a headwind late in the year.

In November, 2009, the Planning Board gave initial approval to the 10-tower project. When completed, the towers were estimated to generate \$400,000 in municipal taxes.

The project, if approved, would also provide another source of revenue. Developer

Patriot Renewables agreed, as part of a second approval process with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, to pay the town \$20,000 a year for 20 years.

Some residents saw the increased revenue as a possible means to keep the Woodstock Elementary School open, should the SAD 44 School Board vote in 2011 to close it

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Letters

JUST LOOK AT THE FACTS

To the Editor:

Asphalt plants mix gravel and sand with crude oil derivatives to make the asphalt used to pave roads, highways, and parking lots across the country. These plants release millions of pounds of chemicals to the air during production each year, including many cancer-causing toxic air pollutants such as arsenic, benzene, formaldehyde, and cadmium. Other toxic chemicals are released into the air as the asphalt is loaded into trucks and hauled from the plant site, including volatile organic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and very fine condensed particulates. (EPA) Asphalt fumes are known toxins. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states "Asphalt processing facilities are major sources of hazardous air pollutants such as formaldehyde, hexane, phenol, polycyclic organic matter, and toluene. Exposure to these air toxins may cause cancer, central nervous system problems, liver damage, respiratory problems and skin irritation." (EPA)

According to one health agency, asphalt fumes contain substances known to cause cancer, can cause coughing, wheezing or shortness of breath, severe irritation of the skin, headaches, dizziness, and nausea. [NJDHSS]

Animal studies show PAHs affect reproduction, cause birth defects and are harmful to the immune system. [NJDHSS]

The US Department of Health and Human Services has determined that PAHs may be carcinogenic to humans. [DHHS] Flawed tests underestimate health risks. In addition to smokestack emissions, large amounts of harmful "fugitive emissions" are released as the asphalt is moved around in trucks and conveyor belts, and is stored in stockpiles.

A small asphalt plant producing 100 thousand tons of asphalt a year may release up to 50 tons of toxic fugitive emissions into the air. [Dr. R. Nadkarni] Stagnant air and local weather patterns often increase the level of exposure to local communities. In fact, most asphalt plants are not even tested for toxic emissions.

The amounts of these pollutants that are released from a facility are estimated by computers and mathematical formulas rather than by actual stack testing, estimates that experts agree do not accurately predict the amount of toxic fugitive emissions released and the risks they pose.

Even if an asphalt plant meets all air pollution standards, people living nearby are still exposed to cancer-causing substances that can cause long-term damage. These standards are based on the principle of "acceptable risk," and assume each state will enforce the standards, the plants will operate perfectly, and the owners can be trusted to operate on an honor system where they are expected to follow all the laws and regulations that apply to their facility without any government oversight. In the majority of cases, it is unknown whether the "theoretical" air emissions predicted by computer models and used by plant owners accurately reflect air emissions from a plant's daily operations. We must put safety first and shut down or overhaul the current system that fails to protect communities from the daily health hazards of asphalt plant pollution.

Anything harmful to the human body and our health is totally unacceptable and should be banned. To heck with protecting the population as long as we can make a buck has become the motto of today's officials.

This plant offers no benefits to our town. It creates few jobs, pollutes the air we breathe, could pose a great threat to our health. The issues it could cause will be far more expensive than the few tax dollars it will add to the town budget.

This is just another example of having the wrong people making decisions that affect the lives, properties and businesses of many citizens, all under the guise of promoting growth in town. We should all write a letter of protest to the paper and in it speak about our concerns for the health and welfare of this beautiful tourist town that seems to be thriving just fine without an asphalt plant.

Why leave this up to just The Bethel Citizen and Sun Journal to fight our battles for us — haven't they provided us the facts to fight our own battles and given us a clear picture of what's really going on in our town. All of us need to get involved in spreading the word and convincing these board members we're not going to take this lying down as they expect. It is time to start standing up for ourselves and take responsibility for what has been happening in Bethel because of our lack of participation and caring about the future of our town. Do we want this to continue like this or are we as a town going to band together and fight for our rights to enjoy our properties, businesses and recreational areas of our town without having to put up with polluting plants, offensive odors and noise and other detrimental conditions brought on by a rush to approve everything based on tax dollars? I pity the homeowners, businesses, recreation areas like Angevine Pond, hiking, biking on North Road and Androscoggin River use in that area, they are going to be subjected to all these chemicals as well as odors and their property along with their health will suffer dearly. Advice to all who will be affected by this plant is to show up and loudly voice your concerns, let the Planning Board know this is not good for our town, our health and our children's health and we won't have it here.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Town Office meeting room.

Gina Douglass, Bethel

MAINE'S SMELLIEST MOUNTAIN VILLAGE?

To the Editor:

We purchased a home in Bethel to escape the city and opted for the "Maine's Most Beautiful Mountain Village" which offered less traffic, little pollution, and cultural and natural values, or so we thought. The past seven years we renovated our home and land including installing many gardens and preserved the natural beauty of the surrounding area and wildlife. We have wildlife roaming our property and enjoy feeding the deer in the winter and raising several chickens.

Weeks ago we received a notice that an asphalt plant petitioned the planning board to set up operations in our back yard and the planning board was seriously considering approving the petition.

We walked the proposed property and to our surprise there was substantial trees removed from the property line and the proposed asphalt plant had built an enormous ramp for their plant operations.

Is this Audacity or have they received an unofficial approval.

What has happened to maintaining aesthetics, natural beauty, preserving the landscaping, and wildlife and overall concerns of the community?

Not to mention what has happened to Protecting Property Rights and Values. Noise, odors, and traffic will be increased and we will be adversely affected in use of our land and will experience a decrease in property value.

Please help in attending the next planning board meeting on Jan. 12 to "Stop the Asphalt Plant" so we do not become "Maine's Most Smelliest Mountain Village."

Margaret and Stephen Collins
Bethel

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN THANKS

To the Editor:

The Rotary Club of Bethel would like to thank the many individuals, organizations and businesses that have contributed to this year's successful Christmas for Children program.

Thanks to our many donors, both large and small, the club was able to provide assistance for over 180 children during the holiday season.

More remarkable was that nearly \$17,000 was raised during these difficult economic times.

On behalf of the entire Rotary Club of Bethel, we would like to thank the community for the ongoing generosity and support it has shown for this program over the past 24 years.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2011.

Joe Arizzi, president Bethel Rotary Club
David Murphy, chairman, Christmas for Children

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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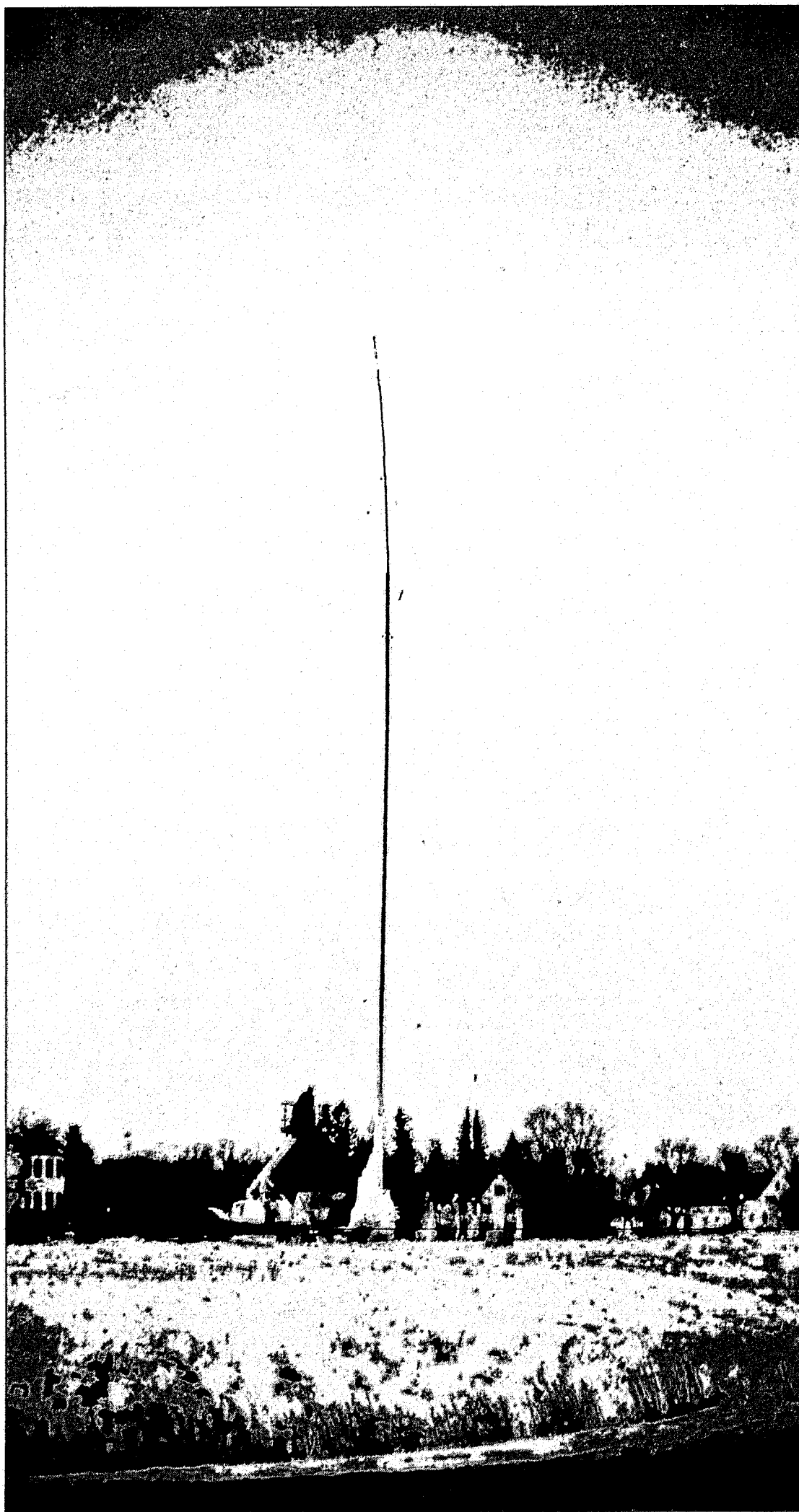
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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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SIGN OF APPROVAL? The Winterfest 2011 ice tower begins its climb.

(Photo: Rick Churchill)

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: At a special Town Meeting Woodstock voters approved appropriating \$6,800 to purchase a new sander for the town's 1994 plow truck.

Rudy and Joann Royer hosted a group from the Bethel Alliance Church at a Christmas party at their home.

Barrett Stowell, 17, of Weld escaped injury when his 1992 Mercedes station wagon landed in the Sunday River.

Births: Dahlia Louise Dry, Janet Robie Brooks.

Deaths: Cecile L. Parent, Albert L. McLaughlin, Henry B. Cobb, Jr., Adam J. Richard.

20 years ago: Bethel Police Chief Brian Stowell announced his resignation effective March 2, 1991.

A New Year's Day candlelight vigil for peace in the Middle East was being planned to take place on the Bethel Common.

The Children's Dance Theater of Bethel made their 25th annual trip to Ledgewood Nursing home to entertain the residents.

Births: Christopher Raymond William Reed, Rachel Linn Grover.

Deaths: Thomas B. McDermott, Marion Coolidge.

30 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Durgin and Alicia portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's 17th annual Living Nativity.

Deaths: Roderick E. Harthorne, Merle Warner Spaulding.

40 years ago: A severe storm the day before Christmas deposited approximately 20 inches of snow in the Bethel area.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings and Ellen portrayed the Holy Family in Bethel's annual "Living Nativity" pageant.

Death: Mrs. Robert S. Hal-dane, Sr., John Akers, Ira M. Bodwell, Albert I. Bennett, Ralph L. Dean, Jack Mattheson, Archer H. Hutchins.

50 years ago: There were approximately 250 in attendance at the opening ceremonies of the Mt. Abram Ski Slopes. Several state and county officials took part in the event.

Births: Steven Charles Abbott, George Chester Abbott.

Deaths: Dana C. Douglass, Sr., Mrs. Robert M. Bean, Miss Joan B. Hopkins, Arthur E. Verrill, Mrs. Alfred Curtis, Mrs. Alice Herrick.

60 years ago: The first zero weather arrived and slippery roads were reported.

Construction was underway at the mills of L.E. Davis, Richard Davis and Gratton Lumber Company.

Deaths: Osmond S. Palmer, Mrs. Zeb L. Merchant.

70 years ago: Dr. Harry Wilson resigned as health officer of Bethel.

Bethel Grange held its last meeting Dec. 19.

Deaths: Mrs. Annie Foss Bartlett, Mrs. Mildred Frost Cummings.

80 years ago: Ford sedans driven by H.A. Packard and Roland Kneeland collided near the Pettengill Farm, Rumford.

Coolidge & Carlson, Boston architects, submitted a plan for an addition to the Bethel Library.

Deaths: Mrs. Ella Bryant, Mrs. Jennie Mower, Addison S. Ellingwood, Lewis S. Brown, Gerald Littlehale, George E. Cotton, Edwin R. Files.

90 years ago: The Van Telephone Company was organized to furnish telephone service in Albany, Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Mason, and Newry.

Jeff Smith, leader of Boys' Clubs of Maine, addressed Gould Academy students.

Henry Boyker was assisting in Carver's Store.

Death: Mrs. Frances M. Hutchinson.

100 years ago: Constable Hanno Packard seized quite a quantity of liquor brought into town for the Christmas celebration.

Frank Kendall was clerking in R. E. L. Farwell's store.

D. D. Peverley enlarged his blacksmith shop in Bryant Pond to do horseshoeing in addition to job work.

Deaths: Charles Demeritt, Kittredge Elliot.

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Top Local Stories

Local men run for governor

Two Bethel-area residents ran for the Blaine House in 2010. In June's Republican primary, Les Otten, the former owner of Sunday River Ski Resort, finished second among seven candidates. Otten received 17 percent of the vote statewide, to nominee (and eventual Governor-Elect) Paul LePage's 39 percent. Otten did, however, best LePage in Oxford County. In November's general election, Andover resident Kevin Scott was on the ballot as an independent. He received about 5,300 votes statewide, or approximately 1 percent.

Rebels bring home titles

In 2010 the Telstar High School Softball Team won its second Class C state championship in four years, beating George Stevens Academy 5-1. And for the fourth consecutive year, the THS Girls' Alpine Ski Team won the Class C State Championship. The two championships added up to a career total of 11 for Rebel senior Samantha Largess. The softball catcher also anchored the ski team, and won six individual state ski titles in her four years at Telstar. Ski/softball teammate T.J. Cowin compiled five team championships in that time.

Other Stories

Sugarloaf lift accident lands skiers in hospitals

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CARRABASSETT VALLEY—As several skiers recovered in hospitals Wednesday, from their terrifying plunge to the slope far below, investigators hope to determine whether wind, a mechanical glitch or some combination of both caused a resort's chair lift to jump its track and collapse. Wind gusts of 40 mph were reported around the Sugarloaf resort before Tuesday's accident on the lift, which was built in 1975 and set for upgrades or replacement. But one skier who fell the 25 to 30 feet to the new-fallen snow below said she didn't remember it being exceptionally windy. "I mean maybe it was a small factor, but I don't think that it was a giant factor because I know the mountain wouldn't have opened the lift if it wasn't safe," Rebecca London told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"And I also have been on that chairlift in higher winds," she told ABC. "I don't remember it being outrageously high winds yesterday." London, of Carrabassett Valley, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the ungrounded snow below — the resort had gotten up to 22 inches a day earlier — cushioned her landing and kept her from serious injury. Her goggles protected her face where it hit the chair's retaining bar. At least eight people — including three children — were taken to hospitals after the double-chair lift derailed during a busy vacation week at the popular resort 120 miles north of Portland. Only five chairs fell to the ground, but dozens of skiers remained on the crippled lift for more than an hour until the ski patrol could get them down. Inspectors from the state Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety are probing the cause. The resort said the lift, which recently passed an inspection, was due to be replaced — possibly as early as summer — partly because of vulnerability to wind.

Jay Marshall, who was on the lift next to the one that broke, said there was a worker atop the tower where the lift's cable derailed, but he noted that could have been a coincidence. It's not uncommon to see workers on the lift towers, he said. Marshall said his lift was moving but the other was not. There was a "loud snapping noise" after the lift restarted,

he said, then some screams. "The next thing I know, it was bouncing up and down like a yo-yo," said Marshall, of Carrabassett Valley. He said it was too difficult to watch, so he looked away.

"It was terrifying," he said. All told, there were about 150 skiers on the lift at the time, according to Sugarloaf, operated by Boyne Falls, Mich.-based Boyne Resorts, which also owns Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry. Sugarloaf workers used a pulley-like system to lower skiers to safety.

Eight people were taken 35 miles to Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, said Gerald Cayer, the hospital's executive vice president. Two of them were transferred to Maine Medical Center in Portland, Cayer said.

The lift is 4,013 feet long, gains 1,454 feet of elevation and nearly reaches the summit of 4,327-foot Sugarloaf, the state's second-tallest mountain. It went into service in 1975 and was modified in 1983, according to Sugarloaf officials.

That lift and two others started the day on a "wind hold" because of the blustery weather, but Sugarloaf officials later deemed it safe to operate before the accident at 10:30 a.m., Sugarloaf spokesman Ethan Austin said. Guidelines for "wind holds" include wind speed and other factors, he said.

A website dedicated to Sugarloaf's master plan said the first priority for lifts was to replace the twin east and west spillway lifts with a larger quad lift, partly because of vulnerability to the wind. The Bangor Daily News previously quoted John Diller, Sugarloaf's general manager, as saying he hoped this would be the last winter for the lift.

"A fixed-grip quad will provide faster and more reliable transportation for skiers and, due to its additional weight, will be significantly less prone to wind holds than the current lift," the website said.

Sugarloaf assured visitors that its lifts are inspected each day.

"We haven't had a derailment of this magnitude in the 60 years Sugarloaf has been in operation," said Richard Wilkinson, vice president for mountain operations.

The lift was properly licensed and inspected for 2010, said Doug Dunbar of Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

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Briefly

Fast and Female XC

BETHEL—Annual Fast and Female XC Ski Festival comes to Gould Academy on Sunday, Jan. 9. Fast and Female hosts events led by athletic champions, who serve as healthy role models and inspire girls to attain the confidence and leadership they need to reach their full potential in life and sports. This event will be held in conjunction with a National Championship Cross-Country race series and will be led by the top female skiers in North America. Members of the US Ski Team will be present as instructors as well as Canadian Olympic and National Team members as well as collegiate skiers and coaches. The event includes a Fast and Female t-shirt for the first 150 registrants, a Fast and Female poster, a lunch provided by Gould Academy, access to the activities, and equipment rental if required. The registration fee is \$25 and is encouraged ahead of time online at FastandFemale.com, but can also be done the day of the event at the Gould Academy Field House on Church Street from 8:30-9 a.m. Parking is available. Financial assistance is available for participants in need; please contact Beth Clarke at 824-4692. For further event information, please contact Abby Weissman (abby@nnsa.net or 944-4720).

Top Local Stories of 2010

Bethel to vote on acting as trustee for large parcel of Chapman Brook land

In 2011, Bethel residents will vote on a consent agreement worked out this year that would make the town the trustee of 2,300 acres of Bethel Water District watershed land.

Chapman Brook, located in the watershed, formerly served as Bethel's primary water supply, but in 2007 a devastating flood prompted the drilling of wells in a new location.

But the change created a legal problem. In the early 20th century the watershed, located in Newry, had been given to the BWD by William Bingham. His 1925 deed stated if the watershed ceased to be used as a water source, it would be transferred to the state of Maine. The Bethel Water District last year asked the Maine Attorney General for permission to modify the deed to allow it to retain the land and use it as an emergency water source, as well as harvest wood and establish recreation trails.

In September of this year, however, the AG's office instead proposed that as part of a consent agreement the town serve as the trustee, to oversee the use of the land and the emergency water supply.

Under the agreement, the town would have to protect the brook's water quality, in case it might be called upon as an emergency water supply.

In December the chairmen of the BWD and the Bethel Board of Selectmen signed the consent agreement, conditional on approval at Town Meeting.

The Bethel Conservation Commission supports the plan, according to Chair Jackie Cressy. "The members of the Commission do now support having the town become the trustee of the land in place of the Water District," she said Tuesday.

Town Manager Jim Doar, in a memo to selectmen earlier this month, said the commission had noted "that there is a huge benefit to the town."

The commission believes the parcel "has the potential of becoming a well-managed town forest, which would allow land for outdoor recreation, opportunities for education about native and invasive plants, and possibilities for economic benefits through eco-tourism," Doar wrote.

Tri-Town Rescue clinging to life

At the beginning of 2010, Tri-Town Rescue Service was in such dire financial shape that its directors "weren't sure they could make the next [biweekly] payroll," said Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks, and officials in her town and West Paris were makingasty plans to ensure their residents had emergency ambulance service in the event the financially beleaguered service could no longer respond.

But Tri-Town hung in, and at year's end was still providing primary coverage (backed up by PACE of Norway) to the two towns, as well as Milton Township.

At their annual Town Meeting in March of 2011 Greenwood voters will be asked yet again if they wish to continue with that coverage, or switch to PACE.

Greenwood voters gave the service a resounding vote of confidence at this year's annual Town Meeting, when they voted nearly five to one to have the town explore forming an inter-local agreement with West Paris, Oxford County and Tri-Town, for the provision of ambulance service to the two towns and Milton Township.

But at a subsequent special Town Meeting in November, called to approve such an agreement, they voted not to.

That vote initially appeared to be the last nail in Tri-Town's coffin - providing town selectmen with the authority to go ahead and contract with PACE.

But following the meeting some Tri-Town supporters argued that the vote only rejected the contract in question, and it did not direct the selectmen to discontinue the present coverage arrangement with Tri-Town.

After consultation with the town attorney, the selectmen agreed unanimously to put the matter back to voters in March.

Asked following the meeting if Tri-Town would be able to provide the service until then, Board Chairman Rodney Harrington, of Greenwood, said: "I think we're in pretty good shape. We've solved some problems. It will all be up to Town Meeting."

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vote.

The town then went ahead and contracted with the county for three years of coverage, at a projected annual cost of \$295,000.

At year's end, it appears the changeover is being increasingly well received.

Even Bennett, who was the sole selectman to vote in 2009 not to put the matter to town voters this year, said he was "impressed with the deputies' professionalism."

And, he added, in private conversations with him some of the "more vehement" opponents of the changeover have conceded that their own views are changing.

Mill

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the product line.

"We're going to be the Rolling Pin Capital of New England," Jonaitis said at the time.

The transition was marked last week by the raising of a 21-foot rolling pin in front of the mill, next to Route 26.

But an even more significant change is also underway.

This week, trucks with furniture parts manufactured by another Jonaitis-owned plant, Moosehead Furniture of Monson, began arriving at the mill, where the finished furniture will be assembled.

"So we'll be hiring more people in the furniture manufacturing sector, which is different from the dowel thing, but still wood related," Jonaitis said. "That will give us another product line here."

"The overall goal is to continue to make any kind of wood products we can make in Maine," she said, "and to keep making jobs."

Wind

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At the annual Town Meeting in March, voters overwhelmingly rejected a citizen-initiated article proposing a 180-day moratorium on wind development.

The potential monetary benefit to the town was boosted again in May when, after a push by the Woodstock Conservation Commission, Patriot also agreed as part of its DEP application to pay a one-time sum of \$80,000, for use in conservation management.

The payment was described by town officials as a "tangible benefit" to Woodstock, offered because the wind towers would be visible from state-owned land (Little Concord Pond State Park and Bald and Spruce mountains).

DEP approved the project in October.

But over the next two months, appeals would be filed on both the DEP and town approvals. The citizen group Friends of Spruce Mountain appealed to DEP, while abutter Nate Snow appealed the Planning Board's decision.

Two weeks ago the Woodstock Appeals Board declined to consider the town appeal.

By a 2-1 vote, the majority agreed with the town attorney's argument that the appeal had not been filed within the required 30-day period following approval.

At issue was whether the planners' action of late 2009, and a subsequent waiver approved in January 2010, had constituted a final approval decision.

Snow argued that after the DEP approval, planners had met again with Patriot on Oct. 19 of this year, and those meeting minutes reflected that the review was complete as of that date.

Snow said he therefore believed that meeting had opened the 30-day window for appeal.

After the town board turned down his appeal, Snow said he might take the issue to court.

The DEP appeal is still in process.

At the upcoming Town Meeting in March, town officials expect another citizen-requested article, proposing Woodstock establish an ordinance specifically addressing wind projects.

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proaching the status of "minimum receivership."

Districts with such a designation have the highest property valuations relative to the rest of the state, and receive a very modest amount of aid.

With that scenario in mind, the district raised the possibility of closing the Woodstock and Andover elementary schools, beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

If the board were to close one or both, each town would have the option of paying the money the district would save annually, in order to keep its school open.

For Woodstock, that amount was initially estimated last year to be about \$425,000; for Andover, \$250,000.

The two towns were notified of the possible future closure, in order to have time to consider whether or not to make up the funding gap.

Andover voted at its annual Town Meeting not to do so. Woodstock held a public hearing and left the question open.

The School Board later learned the savings from closure could be less than the original estimates, due to the expected loss of nearly \$100,000 in state funding received under the "Rural and Isolated Schools" program.

At year's end Woodstock director Marcel Polak, anticipating a vote by the School Board on school closure in January or February, asked his town to hold a public hearing ahead of that vote, so the town's directors could hear from citizens.

In the next few weeks the district and state are expected to work together to provide more precise figures for the town and directors to consider regarding the costs of keeping the two schools open.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

One of my favorite things about the Christmas season is the feeling of good will and random acts of kindness that are in abundance throughout the season.

People of all walks of life seem to go out of their way to be a little nicer and a lot of organizations and church groups work very hard to help less fortunate families have brighter holidays.

There is even a person that I read about in the paper who went around handing out \$100 bills to total strangers. What a person!

Those are the things that give most of us a warm, fuzzy feeling and inspire us to also do what we can for others. It may be as simple as holding the door for someone with an armful of packages or putting an extra dollar in a Salvation Army kettle.

When I was in a convenience story on Christmas day the person checking out in front of me was a little short of what their purchase totaled. As she was trying to decide what item to sacrifice I handed the clerk the small amount she lacked. The woman's gratitude made me feel so good.

I know that we see more stories of generosity and we express good will more ourselves at Christmas, but I think most people try to be generous and kind most of the time. We just don't hear as much about it any other time of the year.

However, one big exception of the passing of good will is the big oil companies. There certainly didn't seem to be any warm, fuzzy feeling coming from Exxon-Mobil over the holidays.

Over the past couple of weeks it seemed like the gas price went up every other day. And not by a penny or two either, but leaps and bounds of 7 and 8 cents a pop.

I had an oil delivery a few days before Christmas and I couldn't even bring myself to look at the bill. I didn't want to dampen my own feeling of good will and that certainly would have done it.

I'm not big on New Year's resolutions because I always break them, but I think this year I will make a resolution to conserve as much fuel as I can.

I'm sure the oil industry has an excuse other than taking the opportunity of fleecing the public at a time of the year when they can least afford it. In reading all of the stories in the paper of people giving and caring I probably missed any articles on the price per barrel of oil going up or any other excuse the oil companies may have offered.

I would liken the oil companies to Mr. Scrooge or the Grinch, but both of them had a change of heart by the end of those stories. I suspect that the heart of the oil industry is basically heartless.

I know businesses need to make a profit and when they don't they are no longer in business. That is a concept that I do understand. But when quarter after quarter the oil companies post record-breaking net profits my understanding gets a little clouded. I can't imagine where the prices are going to go in the new year.

I'm not big on New Year's resolutions because I always break them, but I think this year I will make a resolution to conserve as much fuel as I can. There are things I can do and should have been doing for a long time. Rather than driving to a store within walking distance I resolve to walk and save gas.

At home when I feel a chill, instead of turning up the thermostat I resolve to put on a sweater. Anything I can think of to cut down on the petroleum expense I resolve to do it.

Now, wouldn't it be nice if the oil companies would make a resolution that in 2011 they would just try to break even in the fourth quarter rather than go for more record-breaking numbers?

The way I see it that would be some holiday season good will that would make all of us feel a little warm and fuzzy.

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Luna joined John and Debbie Swan for supper and a family gathering at their home.

Craig and Margo Davis enjoyed the Christmas tree and dinner after with their family at son Todd's, Chandler Hill, Bethel.

If you have family or community news that you would like to share, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

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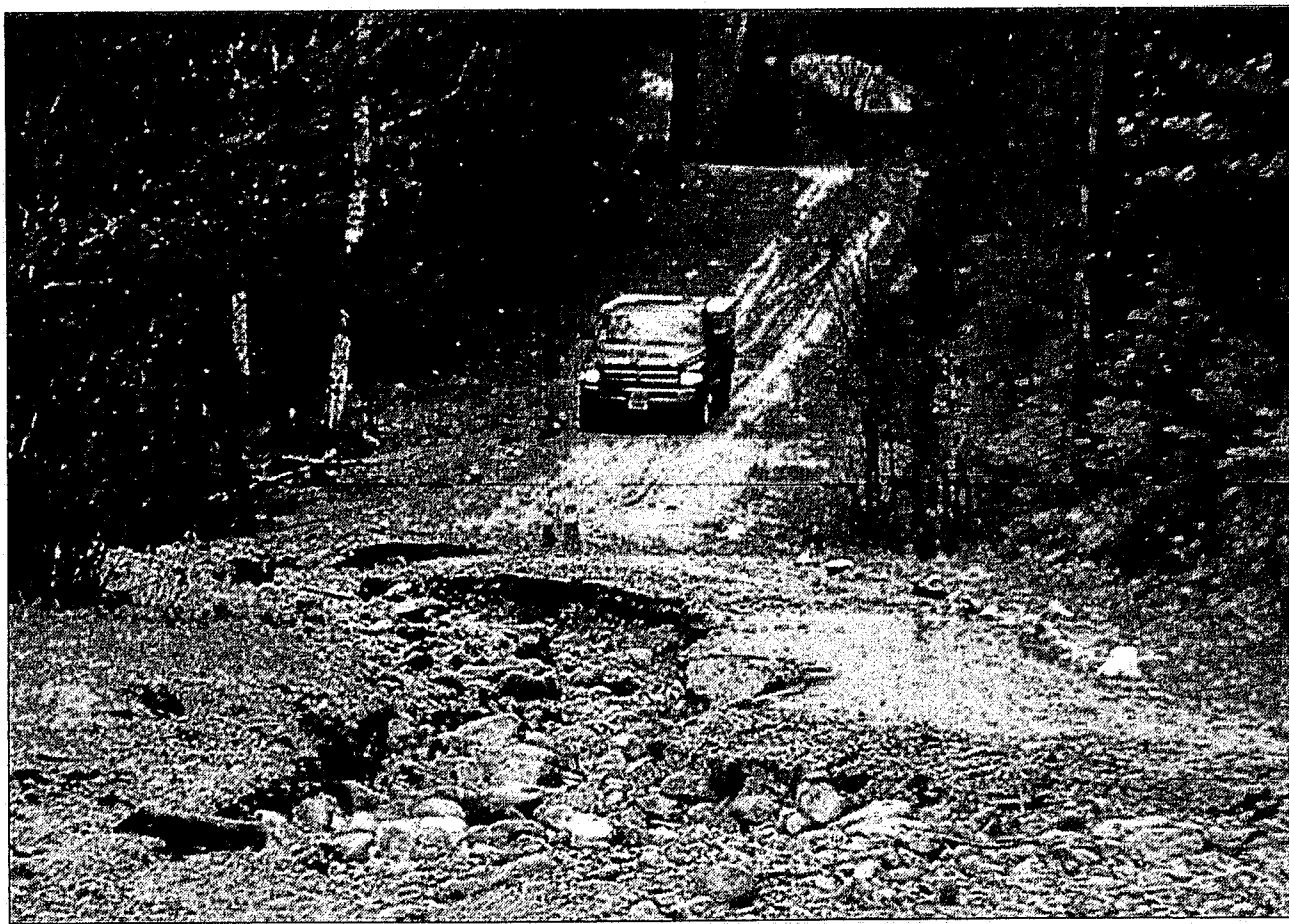
By Lorrie Hoeh

It's Monday afternoon as I write this, and the snow has stopped, but not the wind. Mike is busy with the snow-blower, which threw off its snow stack to begin with, but he seems to have fixed it and is fighting the wind as he clears the driveway and walks. It looks like about a foot of new snow, but it's hard to tell because of all the drifting. In any case, it should be enough to get the cross-country establishments started, and it's really good news for Black Mountain, which will host the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's Cross-Country Ski Championships next week, Jan. 2-8.

We're looking forward to seeing our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, participating in the events, which will award berths on the U.S. Olympic team, the World Cup, and world junior competitions in Europe. There will be 500 Nordic skiers competing! Needless to say, this is a coup for the Chisholm Ski Club which will host both in 2011 and 2012. Black Mountain does a great job with grooming and organization, and we wish them well.

On Christmas morning Mike and I brought Jake with us to the Crocker Pond Road, where we parked and hiked in to Broken Bridge Pond. We trekked across the ice to the far end, where there is a new dam. It was a little dicey getting off the lake at that end, because there was some open water near the dam, but we managed without getting wet feet. We completed a loop by using the new road that was built to accommodate the dam building, and then proceeded on back to the car.

WOODSTOCK WASHOUTS
Heavy rains earlier this month washed out sections of the Concord Pond Road in Woodstock. The town spent \$10,000 fixing them, according to town officials. A special Town Meeting may be needed to authorize spending the money from the surplus account.
(Submitted photo)



We saw lots of tracks everywhere — moose, deer, coyote, fox, partridge, bobcat, etc.

A bit of editorial comment here about the rebuilt road through the forest: It seems to me that the road is more dangerous now, rather than less, because of the severe slope of the shoulders. Sliding off the road onto one of those shoulders could result in some serious trouble. And we know from past experience that there are many drivers who speed rather recklessly along the forest road. In fact, we saw one place where someone had skidded into a ditch.

Christmas Eve was spent with our cousins, Eric and Lucia Schwarz, at their home. We enjoyed dinner and the company of their son, Peter, and his family, as well as our daughter, Martha Siegel, and her family. This gathering is one of our favorite extended family traditions.

On Christmas Day the Siegels and Hoehs piled into our Highlander, with the third seat in place and gifts stowed in every available space, and off we went to Chesterville, for dinner with oldest daughter, Cyndy Stancioff, and her family. Cyndy prepared sauerbraten, a nod to her Dad's German background, and it

was complete with potato pancakes (kartoffel pfankuchen), sweet and sour red cabbage (rotkraut), and apple sauce. My contribution was plum pudding, which we flamed and carried to the table in a "blaze of glory."

Before dinner we held our gift exchange, followed by a special treat when Paul, Cyndy, Elisabeth, Louisa, and Danish exchange student Rene serenaded us with a close-harmony version of "Like a Choir of Cherubim." This was especially meaningful, because when our daughters were in their high school choir, their concerts always commenced with the choristers' entering the auditorium from the rear, carrying lit candles, and singing this song — one of our favorites. And now the grandchildren are a part of the tradition, too.

Coming up tomorrow night is a somewhat pared-down version of New Year's Bethel at the Historical Society, but one that promises to be enjoyable nonetheless. There will be open house at the Moses Mason House Museum, a potluck supper, performances by the Senior Players, and a sing-along with Lynn Arizzi at the piano in the barn meeting room. Check this paper for

times and particulars. I hope to see you there!

To one and all I send my wishes for a New Year that is healthy, happy, peaceful, and filled with love and good fortune. Bonne Ann

Newry

By Seneca Corriveau

As many of you know I often struggle to come up with material for these weekly columns. So when there is a shortage of information from the locals, I must improvise as best I can.

This week was filled with busy Holiday Happenings and an impressive blizzard that left a mother, her three children and her niece, stranded and snowbound in a camp in Grafton.

Yes, that mother was me. Santa gave me a wonderful pair of snowshoes this year, along with a pair for each of my two older children. The kids and I were eager to try them out so we invited my niece from across the way to join us on a trek "up to camp."

We all dressed warmly, bundled to the nines and started off across the field to the trail leading "up to camp." The driving wind and snow was ferocious, stinging our uncovered noses but, hey, it was fun and we figured that once in the woods that we'd be sheltered from the tenacity of the storm. We were wrong about that but who could turn back, the joy of deep, fresh powder kept us pressing ever onward despite the eerie creaking and complaining of the trees.

Our adventure was full of learning and laughter but soon enough the littlest one

and, ironically, the oldest one began to despair. Yes, it was cold out but by this point we were better off continuing so that we could warm up at camp. Part of the ritual is to get cold just so that the hot cocoa tastes better.

I think that we all had reached our end before we reached camp but the sight of it through the trees and blowing snow gave everyone that much-needed burst of energy to climb the last hill to "safety." Once inside camp, the first order of business was for everyone to strip off their winter wear while I started the fire.

With a comforting crackle coming from the stove, kids and I compiled a mass of blankets and pillows into which the four giggling, rosy-cheeked snow goers dove and waited for the camp to warm. It was only then that I realized in grim dismay that it was 4 o'clock. Darkness was soon to fall but the camp was still cold and the socks, hats, mittens and jackets were still wet.

By 5:30 we had shed off our chill, rounded up flashlights and were hurriedly finishing our cocoa. My poor daughter had a retching headache and we were none too eager to head back out into the cold, especially now that darkness had engulfed us. Foolishly I hadn't brought my phone so we had no way to communicate with anyone down below, so we had little choice, we bundled and started out to go home. Plans changed suddenly when Kaiya threw up. There was no way I was going to head down the mountain with four little children in the dark and one puking! So we abruptly turned

and walked all five feet back to the camp. The kids shouted with glee when I told them we would be staying. Kaiya felt better instantly as we made up the beds. We were settled in for the night and I sat to watch the kids teach each other a game of dice. All the while fretting over what everyone would be thinking down below when we didn't return before dark.

We were nice and toasty and safe inside the camp but with no way of letting anyone know. Salvation came in through the door about a half an hour later in the form of a brother-in-law, with dog and backpack, and his phone. He told us that my Hubby was on his way up too, coming up on the other trail. The kids promptly told him that they were staying; we told them otherwise.

So after our rescuers had both arrived and had ample time to warm themselves, we redressed and began our descent. The children, and especially myself, enjoyed the hike/slide down the mountain safe in the comfort of our two capable escorts. Despite the bitter bite of the ever present wind the trek home was enjoyable, all the while, relieved that we would all be sleeping in our own beds that night!

Gilead

By Lin Chapman

This is the last column for 2010. This year seems to have flown right by. Happy New Year to all and may 2011 be a good year.

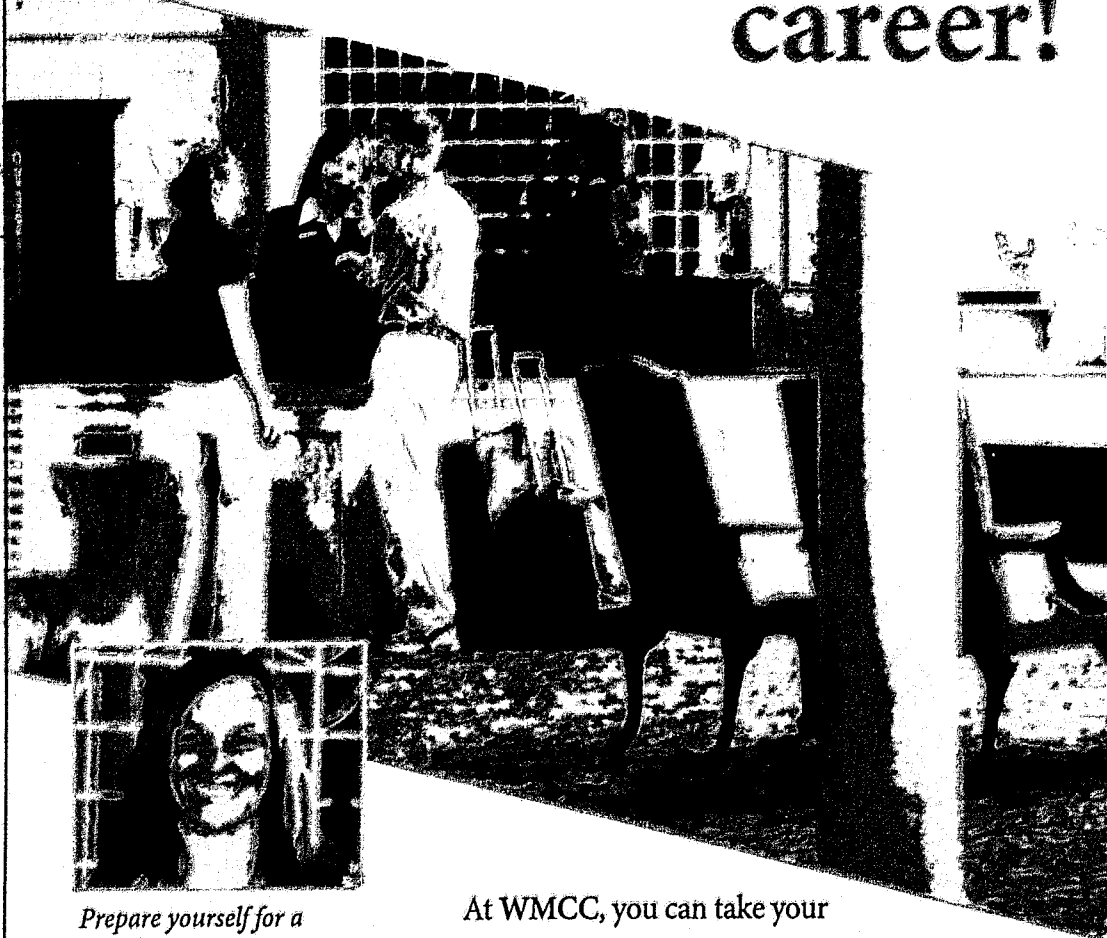
Monday morning, and everyone woke up to lots of snow! It is still snowing at 9 a.m. and the wind is blowing, also. Traffic seems to be moving along quite well on Route 2. A little slower than usual. The visibility can't be too good with all that snow blowing around. The little birds are busy at the feeder. There seems to be just the little sparrows, red polls and chickadees this morning. They like the homemade bird seed patty that we make for them. (As I am writing, the blue jays just showed up.)

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by last Tuesday to exchange Christmas presents.

Steve and Lise McLain received a call on Christmas Day from their son and wife, Stephen and "Peachy" McLain and family, Marina, Nathan, Quinn and Evan. All is well in Norway. Stephen is stationed near the coast and they usually do not get much snow, but they got close to a foot for Christmas.

Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's to celebrate Christ-

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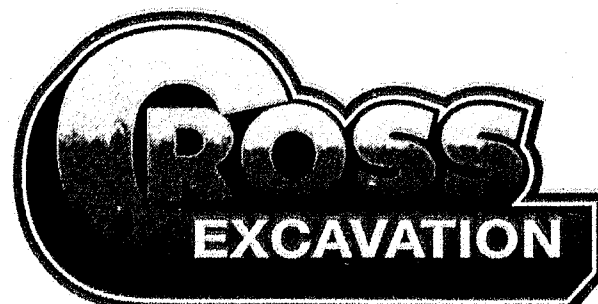
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mas. The grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, were all excited over Christmas. Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau, were there along with a few other members of her family. Hugh and I got phone calls with Merry Christmas wishes from our son, Chris Chapman, and our grandson, Ben Chapman. Ben just finished his first semester at Orono and was quite pleased with the results of his final grades.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS still has quilt squares that can be purchased for the Memory Quilt. Linda Taylor has volunteered to provide the squares and will construct the quilt for us. The deadline for purchasing a square is Jan. 31 so she will have time to put it together for Friends and Family Day in June. When the quilt is finished, it will be on permanent display in the schoolhouse when renovations are done.

A square can be purchased for \$5 each. Contact Lin Chapman at 836-2987 to buy a square for yourself, a loved one or "In Memory" of someone. Remember you are creating history for future generations to look upon and either to see their own names or the names of their ancestors.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapma1@hotmail.com

Upton

By Laurie Brown

We received about 16 inches of snow on Sunday night and Monday, along with lots of brutal, high winds through the night and into Tuesday.

On Monday night a tractor-trailer truck was off the road at the bottom of the hill by Screw Auger Falls. A wrecker, state plow trucks, and state police were working for hours trying to get the truck back onto the road and make the road passable to the several other semi trucks and passenger vehicles -- including moi -- that were lined up. It was weird to sit at the bottom of the hill and see the lights of the trucks lined up on top of the hill.

"Back in the day" New Englanders hoarded iron filings, which they soaked in vinegar until they dissolved and made a fine black ink. This might be the reason that many old documents and letters have faded, are pale-brown, and the ink is rusty colored.

Bob's father, Sherwood Brown, of Granby, Vt., passed away early Christmas morning at the Littleton, N.H., hospital. The family will have a memorial service on Jan. 8 in Lancaster, N.H. Condolences are extended to Bob and his family, most of whom live in the Granby area.

Wilma Rector participated in the "Wreaths Across America" trip and described it as one of the most moving experiences of her life. The convoy had 26 stops to Arlington and were met by scores of children wearing red hats waving American flags and chanting "USA USA," and fire trucks with banners across the roads. In Arlington, the cemetery, always spectacular, was even more breathtaking with the white headstones perfectly aligned and adorned with beautiful wreaths and red bow. One of Wilma's two most touching moments was watching a girl, about 10 years old, place her wreath on a headstone, then went on her knees to pray for the veteran and

his family. Another was when Maine State Troopers, in total silence, stood at attention and placed wreaths on headstones. Then, in unison, went down on one knee and had a moment of silence. Veterans from many battles and wars were in attendance. Many, especially from Vietnam, expressed feelings of healing -- that they were finally thanked for their service -- and felt like they'd come home.

I feel that this description of Wilma's trip is not sufficiently expressing the powerfully moving experience Wilma described to me. Wilma is compiling her pictures and information for the DAR, and will share them with the Ladies Aid Association. I'm sure she'd be willing to reiterate her trip to anyone wishing to hear about it firsthand.

I will not be writing this column again this year! I hope your New Year's celebration is safe and that you have a healthy, prosperous 2011. Selah

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

I do hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and would love to hear about it. It didn't feel right to me to call and intrude during this special time.

This Christmas was very special to me thanks to some unexpected surprises from friends helping me make it all possible. For the first time in several years all my kids and grandchildren were here for the Holiday -- the best gift ever. It was nice that this blizzard waited until after Christmas.

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Seeing that this is the last column of the year, I would like to thank everyone for your participation and encouragement. Please, feel free to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with suggestions, news, information, and yes, also critique.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and may 2011 be a healthy, happy, and prosperous year for all.

Hanover

By Clem Worcester

The Hanover Planning Board is scheduled to meet Jan. 5, 2011.

Among those who have returned to the area during the Christmas season have been Bob and Mary Anne Dragoon, Anne Wheeler and Barbara Lapham.

Most area folks traveled to relatives for season celebrations while others entertained friends and relatives at home. The children loved it all, especially gift receiving. Visitors at Bill and Gail Worcester's home were Daren, Fran and Wyatt; Brad, Amanda and Juliet; and Mike, Jenna and Jett.

On the other side of the valley, Donna and Clem Worcester last weekend hosted Brian, Sara, Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala and Jenny and Matt.

The entire Worcester clan gathered at David Worces-

ter's home for gifting and pie on Sunday afternoon.

To wrap up the departing year there are a few good things to get done. Paying 2010 tax bills might be one as well as licensing the dog and getting the hunting and fishing licenses for next year. The Town Office will be closed at noon on Friday, Dec. 31, in honor of the New Year's holiday.

Each year at this time we like to look over the past year's news to remind ourselves of the events of the year. Sadness came to our community with the passing of former State Senator Norman K. Ferguson, Jr. in February following a long illness. Several months later Peter Baker died while undergoing treatment in Portland.

Some good things took place this year. Most of our weekly postings included the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library.

Under the direction of Peg Susbury, with the help of the Library trustees and officers along with support from the Library Bees, the little library made leaps and bounds. So, once again we will name Gardner Roberts Memorial Library our story of the year. Fundraisers, donations, reading programs and new this year a children's garden all contributed to a busy year for "the little library that could."

No one can dispute the notion that Gardner Roberts Memorial Library has been good for the community.

Happy New Year!

West Paris

By Joyce Lamb

Winter has settled in with plenty of snow which will probably stay with us until April. All did enjoy a white Christmas.

Dede Chase joined the family gathering with Linda, Rick, Chad, Bobby Jo, and Feegan Chase, Rick and Melissa, Nicolas, and Gade from West Paris, and Luke and Alenna of South Paris. They enjoyed their gift exchange and dinner.

Maxine Cram entertained fourteen of her family for a Christmas tree and luncheon: Amy, Troy, Austin, and Alex Fox of Norway, Allica and Gary Cram of Oxford, Arnold and Sandy Cram of Harrison, Adam and Leanne Conner of South Paris, and Terry and Georgia Cram of South Paris.

My daughter, Wendy, and I went to Auburn for Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts. Most of the Maine Lambs were there. Jude's husband, Rob Collins, had smoked a large turkey which was delicious. All brought food for a typical Christmas dinner. The six great-grandchildren kept the party lively. All had a good time, including the three dogs and one cat who were in the midst of it all.

Wendy is here for three or four weeks and is a big help to me. She plans most of the meals, so we've got a lot of groceries. She is helping me

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Monday, January 3 ~ 80's Dance Party featuring DJ Revolution & John Lee

- Cost is \$10 per person.

Tuesday, January 4 ~ Reggae Night featuring Jah Cutta & EastWave Radio

- Jah Cutta - Renowned throughout the reggae world for his traditional roots-reggae style and his ferocious live performances.
- EastWave Radio - Hailing from Portland, Maine, was formed by singer & guitarist Dave Gagnon in 2006.
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Wednesday, January 5 ~ Hip Hop Night featuring DJ JS1 and Rahzel

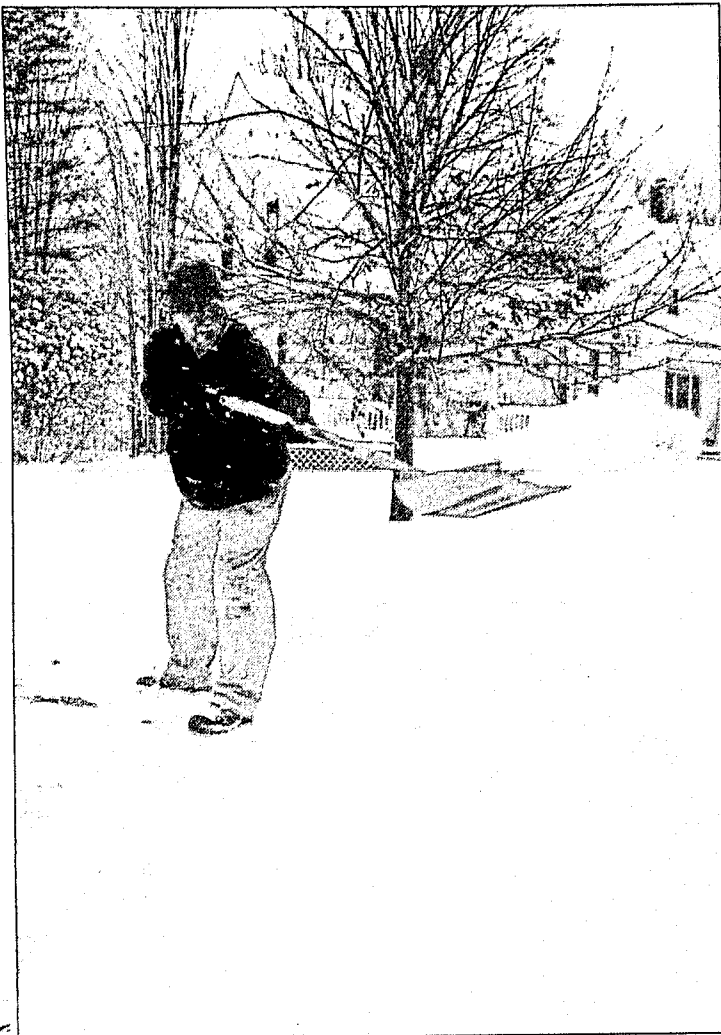
- Rahzel, The undisputed "Godfather of Noize" has re-defined the beat box. His mastery of instruments, arcade of sounds leaves audiences captivated, wondering "is he for real?"
- DJ JS-1, one of the most gifted (and fiercest) turntablist producers in the game, has blessed us with a very well done hardcore hip-hop compilation overflowing with original songs and magnificent turntablism.
- Eyenine is an underground hip-hop artist from New Hampshire. Eyenine blends quick delivery with emotional lyrics relating to experiences such as past relationships, hardships and addictions. Eyenine will be opening for DJ JS-1 and Rahzel.
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Thursday, January 6 ~ Rave Black Light Party featuring The Punanny Soundsystem

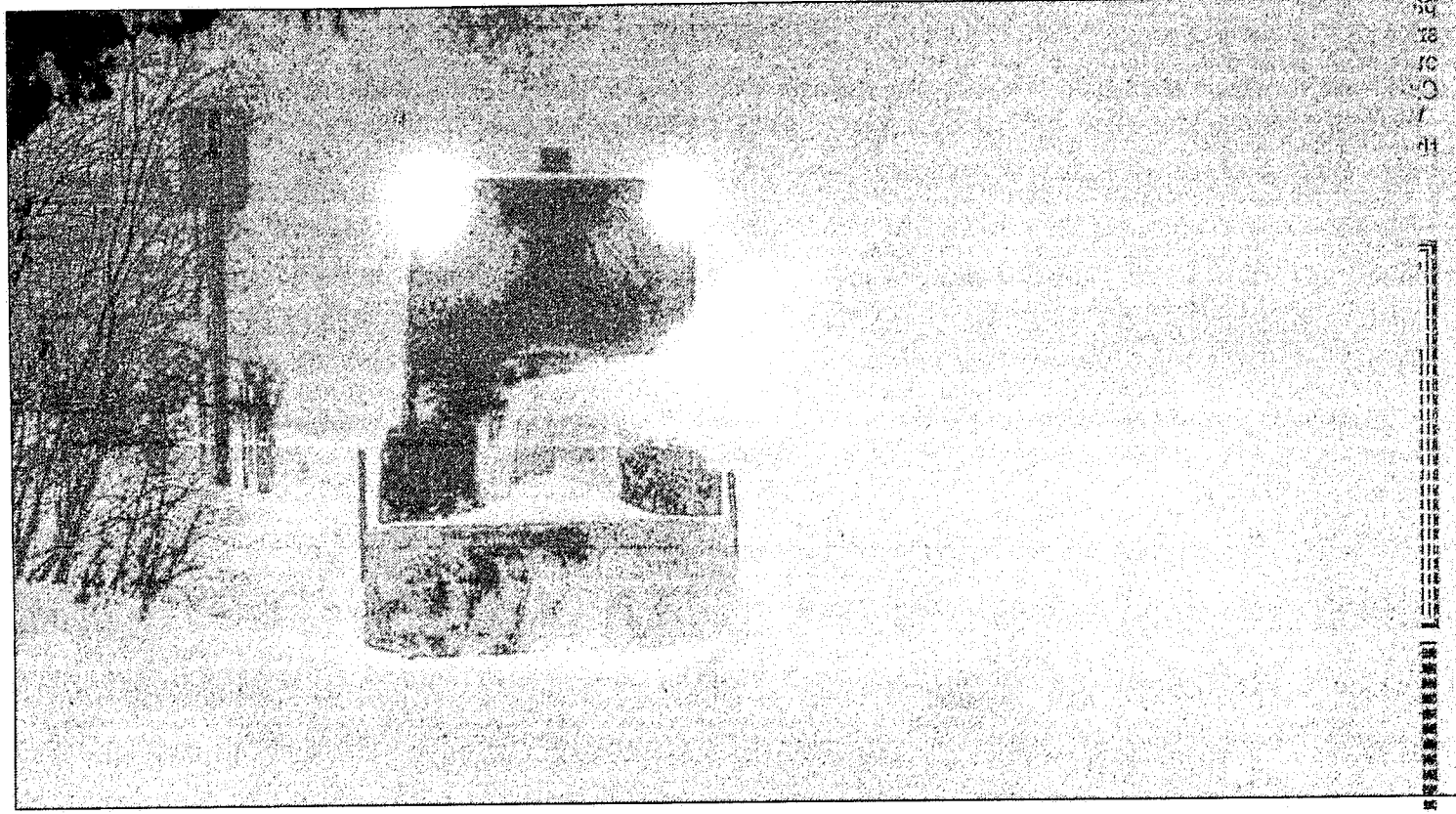
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downsize and is sorting and cleaning. Already she has found a box of Doble family genealogy and old photos which I lost long ago after my Mother passed along her family's history to me. Daughter Jude is a good genealogist and some of these papers have helped fill in some of the blanks on her charts.

Muffin was glad to have us return home after her quiet day alone on Christmas. We put down a new polar fleece blanket in a chair and she has been nested there for the last two days!

Albany

By Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Okay, so, now it looks like Christmas. Sure, a couple of days late, and the wind is really nasty out there, but if you can look past the furiously flurrying snowdrifts and almost white-outs, yeah, it does look like Christmas.

We hope that everyone out there had a wonderful Christ-

mas, filled with joy, friends and family. We had a nice, quiet day. Well, quiet if you discount the shouts from any one of us who lost a turn or two at Trouble, Tiddly Winks or Connect 4x4. It was a nice family day, although we did miss Dyana. She, apparently, spent her weekend sick on the couch, but, at least with the snowstorm Monday, she didn't have to call in sick to work.

Our very best wishes for a happy New Year. Let's hope that 2011 proves prosperous and joyful for everyone out there.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

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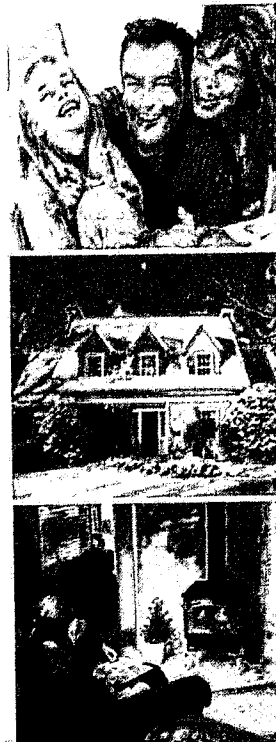
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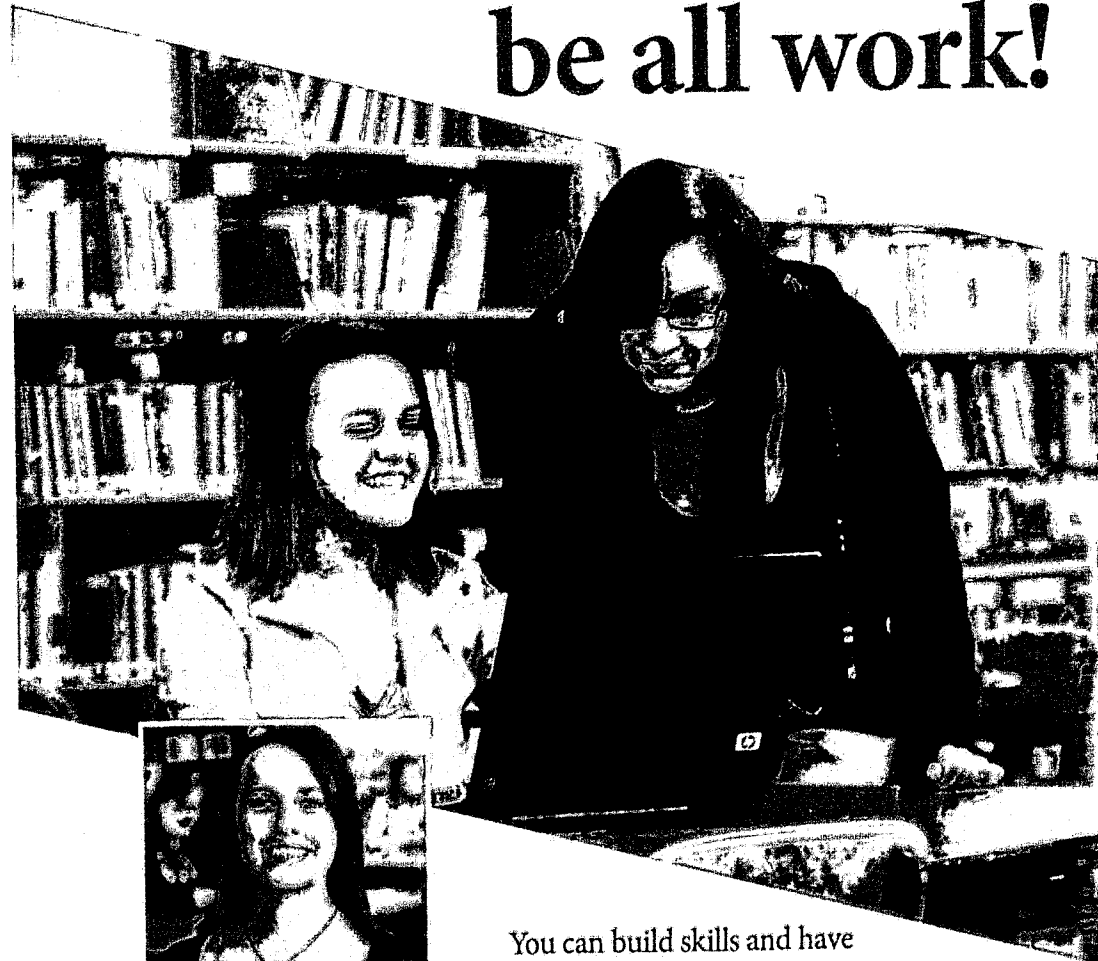
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Buses run from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 1 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays and on holiday and school vacation weeks, including running a full schedule next week for "College Week."

The Mountain Explorer route runs between the Bethel Inn Resort and Sunday River's South Ridge base lodge. New for this season, on the return run, the buses turn up Mechanic Street.

There are two types of stops on the Mountain Explorer bus route. The first type of stop is

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White Cap Lodge+, Grand Summit Hotel+ and Mechanic Street. Mountain Explorer schedule-map brochures are available at businesses, at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, at Sunday River and online.

The Mountain Explorer now has its own website at www.mountainexplorer.org and its own Twitter account to keep riders and businesses alerted to changes in schedules due to weather and other circumstances and provide news about the Mountain Explorer. These Tweets can be read on the Website or they can be followed at <http://twitter.com/MtnExBus>. Another feature of the new Website is the sponsor page with all sponsor ads and major supporters' names linked to their respective websites as applicable.

Last season the Mountain

Explorer ran an experimental route between Bethel and Mount Abram.

While ridership was not sufficient to warrant continuing the same service this season, the experiment did provide useful information. This season, Western Maine Transportation Services, in cooperation with Maine DOT, will use this information and conduct a study to determine future transit needs for Mount Abram.

The Mountain Explorer is operated by Western Maine Transportation Services in cooperation with the Maine Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, the towns of Bethel and Newry, Sunday River, The Bethel Inn and Resort, local businesses and other sponsors along with the Mountain Explorer Marketing Advisory Committee.

Sports

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Livermore Falls 71, Telstar 21; Dec. 22— THS struggled to get going against a very aggressive Livermore Falls team. The full court pressure and shortened bench combined to frustrate the Rebels. In the second half the team started to settle in and become more aggressive on the defensive end of the court and start to shoot the ball more helping to create more opportunities playing hard until the end. Cheyanne Day led scoring with 6 points, Emma Davis with 5, Casey Blaszczyk with 4, Nicena Walker, Maisey Griffin and Autum Morin with 2 each. Emma Davis also had three blocks. — Coach Mark Kenney

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Livermore Falls 45, Telstar 25; Dec. 22— THS showed great improvement against Livermore Falls. The team was down only 2 points at the half and 6 points after three quarters. The team battled hard but with only seven players ran out of steam toward the end. Maisey Griffin led the scoring with 9 points, Savanna Patenaude and Casey Blaszczyk each with 6, and two a piece for Jenny Wakefield and Autum Morin. A dramatic improvement on defense and much better ball movement on offense. — Coach Mark Kenney

School Lunch

Week of Jan. 3

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Tuesday: Taco w/hard and soft taco shell, Mexican rice, salsa, seasoned corn, blueberries and yogurt, pizza choices.

Wednesday: Brunch for lunch. w/w pancakes, syrup, ham slice, potato starz, cheeseburger/bun, chicken patty/bun, pizza choices.

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SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken nuggets or pbj uncrustable, sweet potato fries, steamed broccoli.

Tuesday: Taco or chicken patty/bun, or pbj sandwich, Mexican rice, salsa, seasoned corn, blueberries and yogurt.

Wednesday: Brunch for lunch. w/w pancakes, syrup, ham slice, or pbj sandwich, juice/applesauce, potato Starz.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie or BBQ rib/bun or pbj sandwich, homemade Anadama roll, fruit choice, veggie choice.

Friday: Hot turkey sandwich, cranberry sauce or hot dog/roll, or pbfluff sandwich, seasoned squash.

Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Telstar High School's November Students of the Month are upperclassman Victoria Lowell (center) and underclassman Rachael Wheeler (center right). The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. The students were also honored at a recent Rotary meeting. They are shown here with Rotary President Joe Arizzi (left) and Principal Dan Hart (right). Also shown is October Student of the Month underclassman Carlee Beatson. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement. (Photo: C. Savage)

NEWRY RESIDENTS DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses for 2011 are now available at the Town Office, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Dogs six months old or older must now be licensed.

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Obituaries

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BERYL LOUISE HASKELL

Beryl Louise Haskell, age 77, died Dec. 26, 2010, at Sedgewood Commons, Falmouth, Maine, surrounded by her family.

She was born Jan. 6, 1933 in Orange, N.J., the daughter of William and Marguerite (Harris) Oliver. She grew up in Livingston, N.J., graduating from Orange High School in 1951. Beryl went on to graduate from the University of Vermont with a degree in Zoology in 1955 and was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

In 1955 she married Dan Wells Manson of Grosse Point, Mich., moving to Appleton, Wis., then to Saffie, Sweden in 1958. While living in Sweden she visited England, Norway and Den-

mark. Returning to the United States to live in Bethel, Maine in 1960, where she was a resident for 13 years. In 1973 she moved to New Gloucester, Maine but always returned to Bethel to ski, hike and visit friends. On Jan. 8, 1993, she married Owen Haskell in the living room of Strawberry Meadows Farm in New Gloucester, Maine.

She enjoyed traveling, making trips to Germany and France. Following her marriage to Owen Haskell she traveled to Switzerland and Italy to support Owen as he competed in the World Cup Seniors Cross-Country races. The trip to Switzerland required the racers and support teams to helicopter into the race area because the roads were impassable. Beryl also made two special trips with her sister Judy, one to visit her niece, Jill Boynton, in Prague, Czech Republic, the other a trip sponsored by Vermont Public Radio to Brussels, Amsterdam and London focusing on live performances of classical music and opera.

Beryl loved the outdoors, especially hiking, completing all the Presidential peaks in the White Mountains, most of the major peaks in the Adirondacks, as well as the Carter and Mahosuc Ranges of Maine. She canoed the complete Allagash Wilderness

Waterway. She was an avid cross-country skier too. In 1991, she and Owen took the train to Sept-Îles, Labrador, Canada, where the train only comes once a week, to go bushwhacking and canoeing with only compass and map.

Beginning as a small child she spent summers in Lake Placid, N.Y., at Camp Undercliff, a summer music camp run by her parents. Later when Camp Undercliff was converted to a family camp, it still remained her favorite place on earth. She worked as an educator and librarian: developing an educational business called Ergo™ to support teacher's ability to provide enrichment education in regular classroom settings. She co-owned a catering business called Butter and Eggs in the 1980s. She was a member of Karen Miller's Aerobic Dance Team for 10 years, performing at assisted and senior housing in the Greater Portland area until her health declined.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Owen Haskell of New Gloucester, daughters Jean Manson Waite and husband Gregory of Bethel, Elizabeth Anne Manson of Brunswick, and Katherine Manson Webster M.D. and husband Currin of Cumberland. Step-children;

Willow Schwarz of Woolwich, Margaret Haskell of Brunswick, Amy Schwarz of Canada and William Haskell of Raymond. She was the much beloved Nana of Charlotte and Jason Ridlon and Lea Webster and the great-grandmother of Abigail and Ashleigh. She is also survived by her lifelong best friend and sister, Judith Oliver Boynton of Keene, N.H.; her stepmother, Frances Lynch Oliver; step-sister, Sandra Oliver; step-brother, Jeffery Oliver all of Bloomington, N.Y.; and step-brother, William Oliver Jr. and wife Denise of New Jersey, and by cousin Sue Anne Smith of Los Gatos, Calif. She was predeceased by her parents, William and Marguerite Oliver.

A ceremony of celebration and remembrance will be held Friday, Dec. 31, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the New Gloucester Congregational Church, New Gloucester, Maine, with reception to follow in the vestry. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Women, Work and Community of Maine at 46 University Drive, Augusta, Maine, 04330. The family would also like to offer their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Sedgewood Commons of Falmouth for their wonderful care and support of Beryl and all her family.



ANDRIA T. DAMON

Andria Timberlake Damon, 15, of West Paris, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2010 at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

She was born in Norway on April 28, 1995 the daughter of Andy Damon and Tabatha Timberlake Damon.

She attended Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. She was an avid reader, especially fantasy, the Twilight series and Jack Sparrow. She loved horses, animals and swimming.

She was a social butterfly and was noted for her proper grammar. She touched everyone who crossed her path.

She is survived by her mother and her stepfather, Michael Crockett of West Paris and his three chil-

dren; her father and step-mother Andrea Damon and their four children; her adoptive grandmother, Lillian Brooks; her grandfather, Bert Mecervier; aunt Christy; uncle Shad; uncle Daniel; aunt Bev; and many other extended and adoptive family. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Marianne Mecervier.

Her family wishes to thank the staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital and Maine Medical Center for the loving care over the last fifteen years, also the staff at Western Maine Pediatrics.

Dr. Gunroe and Dr. Gary Allegretta. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.andrews-greenleaf.com

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church with a time of visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. Interment will be in the spring at Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to Responsible Pet Care, 132 Waterford Road, Norway, ME 04268, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 602, Portland, ME 04101 or the Make A Wish Foundation, 87 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843.

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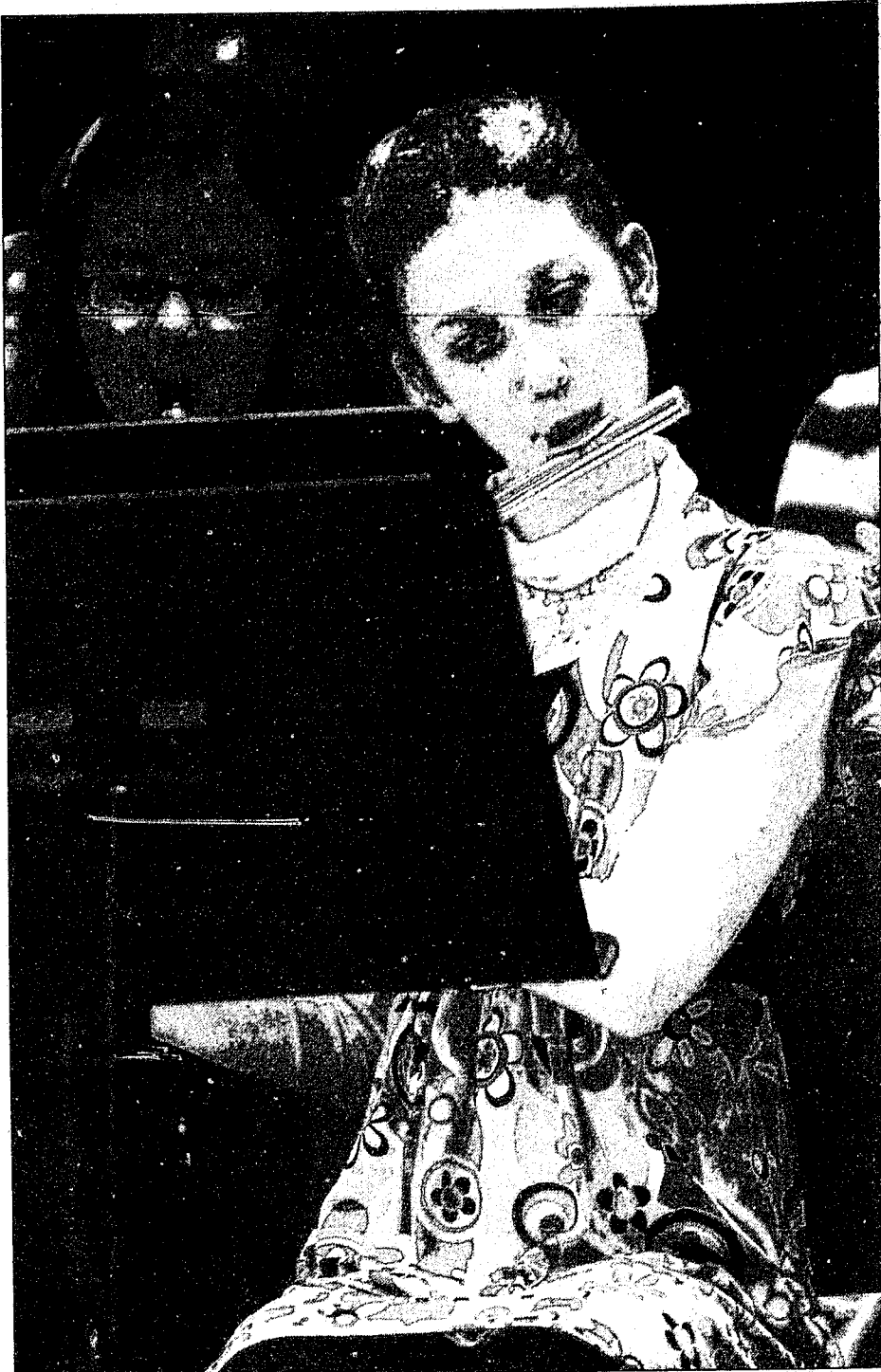
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Telstar Winter Concert 2010



The Telstar high and middle school bands and choruses presented their annual Winter Concert last week. Clockwise, from top left: several members of the high school chorus; TMS flutist Allie Turnick; THS singer Jean Lawrence; the TMS Chorus; TMS trombonist Gabrielle Stone; THS flutist Cheyenne Robinson; and (center) THS singer Josh Bellinger. (Photos: A. Aloisto)



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ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT: AES students recently composed holiday stories and created elves as main characters; Mrs. Sabin's K/1 students selected favorite winter poems for which they created and painted correlating scenes; AES students were thrilled to receive hand-made mittens and socks donated by Kathy Richardson this month, and the children wrote thank you cards to Ms. Richardson as part of their K/1 writing program.

CRESCENT PARK



Ms. Kelly's Fifth Grade class at Crescent Park Elementary School recently acted out "The Grinch." They worked very hard for this performance, memorizing lines, making props and costumes, and working as a team.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM-The Telstar High School's School-to-Work program gives students, in the words of senior Haunnah Wheeler, "a head start" in the world of work. Now in its second year, the program provides its 10 students the chance to split time between classroom work on finance, budgeting and money management and the real world. At left are Wheeler, Toby Cole and Catelynn Bennett with instructor Tim O'Connor. Above, Bennett at her work site, the Northeast Bank in Bethel.

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Community Calendar

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell now has newly arrived work by Michael Tatam, sculptor, on display through Holiday season. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com Open daily.

Friday, Dec. 31

5 to 10 p.m. - **New Year's at Bethel Historical Society**: 5-6:30 potluck supper, 6 dragon parade for children, 6:30-8:30 candlelight open house at Moses Mason house, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Senior Players perform, 8:30-9:30 refreshments and sing-a-long. Marshmallow roasting all evening in yard between Mason and Robinson houses. Free donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents Dickie Hyper-Hynie's Rockin' New Year's Eve! Tickets" \$15 all seats. Song and dance production, juggling routines, comedy and visit from Buckfield Synchronized Swimming Team. FMI and tickets: 336-3306 (box office):.

8 p.m. - **Battle of the Bands** (Monsta vs. Hooligans) at Black Mountain, Rumford. Doors open 7 p.m.

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - **Jones Dance Band New Year's Eve** dance/buffet at South Paris Legion Hall. Cost: \$15 single/\$30 couple For reservations: Betty Decoteau 743-7965.

Monday, Jan. 3

6:30 to 8:30 - **Socrates Cafe** meets at Waterford Library. Topic for discussion: "Does Beauty Matter" moderated by Ed Somers. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5

7 p.m. - **Adele Myers and Dancers**, hosted by Mahosuc Arts Council as part of Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium on Jan. 4. The troupe will perform at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and for area home-schooled and district charter school students on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at Telstar Helen Berry Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$6 children and seniors. FMI: 824-3575 or e-mail info@mahosucarts.org or visit www.mahosucarts.org

Mondays, Jan. 3, 24 and Tuesday, Jan. 11
10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops hosted by The Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Jan. 3 and 24 at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street and Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. To register and FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Wednesday, Jan 5 and Friday, Jan. 7
6 to 9 p.m. (Wed.), 6 to 8 p.m. (Fri) - **First Aid and Adult and Infant CPR Classes** sponsored by Mollycodd Motel, West Paris. Cost: CPR \$30 Maine residents/\$40 non-residents and First Aid \$65 Maine residents, \$75 non-residents. FMI: 674-2345 or e-mail info@MollycoddMotel.com ask for Tim, Fran or Becky.

Sunday, Jan. 9

Annual Fast and Female Cross-Country Festival at Gould Academy. Cost: \$25 includes t-shirt first 150 registrants, Fast and Female poster, lunch, access to activities, and equipment rental if required. Pre-registration encouraged online at FastandFemale.com but can be done day of event at Gould Academy Field House, Church Street, Bethel from 8:30 to 9 a.m. For financial assistance contact Beth Clarke (824-4692) or further event info contact Abby Weissman (abby@nensa.net or (207) 944-4720.

Jan. 10, Feb. 22, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building.

FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Jan. 12

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Reservations must be made before noon on Jan. 10 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Menu: stuffed haddock (\$10). Membership dues (\$3) due at this meeting. New members always welcome.
7 p.m. - Bethel Planning Board meeting at Bethel Town Office meeting room.

Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-health-care position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Mondays Jan. 24 and Jan. 31

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **"Babysitting 101"** Training offered by Girl Scouts of Maine to girls in grades 5 thru 8 at Telstar Middle School. Cost: \$5 for registered Girl Scouts and \$17 non Girl Scouts (includes \$12 GS membership fee). Pre-registration/payment must be in by Jan. 15. FMI: Jeanie Duguay (364-363) or 1-888-922-4763 Ext. 237 or jduguay@gsmaine.org

Tuesday, Jan. 25 for six weeks

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Grief Support Group** begins at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free but registration required: Robin Green, LCSW at 743-1562 ext 379.

February 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. If interested to rent tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

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Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen

671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

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AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

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CANCER WELLNESS

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HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9a-5p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306).

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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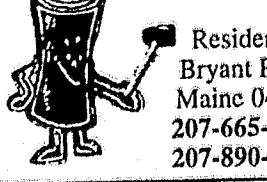
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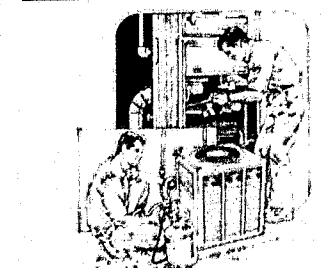
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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church -

Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

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West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 p.m. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

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Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

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North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m., Pastor Bruce Tynner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

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SUMNER

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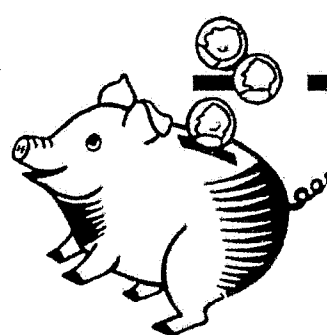
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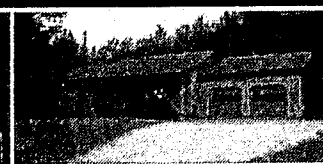
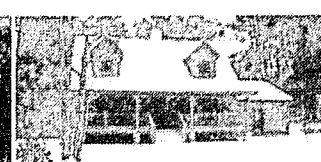
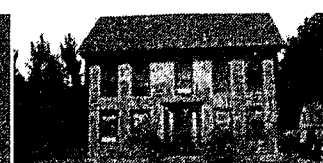
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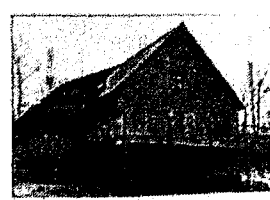
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Obituaries

ALBERT LEE SWAN

Albert Lee Swan, 86, of Newry died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

He was born in East Bethel on May 28, 1924, the son of Albert and Ora Field Swan. He graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel. He faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II as a P-51 pilot. During his career he worked at the Oxford Paper Company in Rumford, as a carpenter with Haakon Olson of East Bethel and as an insurance agent with The Maine Insurance Company of Portland. Lee greatly enjoyed carpentry, the outdoors, working in the woods, hunting, snowmobiling and four-wheeling with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Merlee Page of Newry; three children, Janis and Jack Cronin of Zephyrhills, Fla., Randy and Jo-Ann Swan of Barre, Vt., Anita and Jack Soule of Inverness, Fla.; six grandchildren, Brent Black, Kristal Letourneau, Michelle Sanderfur, Alison Black, Jason Swan and Jennifer Straight; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Lee was predeceased by his wife, June Enman Swan; his parents, Albert and Ora Swan; and two brothers, Ernest Swan and Robert Swan. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrews-greenleaf.com.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Andrews Funeral Home, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

At the request of Mr. Cross there will be no services. Donations in his honor can be made to Stephens Memorial Hospital, Development Office, 181 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268, or The Second Chance Fund, Bethel Animal Hospital, Bethel, ME 04217.

WAYNE T. HARMON

Wayne T. Harmon was born on Oct. 24, 1936, in Lovell, the son of Leon and Marge Harmon. He passed away on Dec. 20, 2010, surrounded by his family at Mass General Hospital from complications following cancer surgery. He attended Fryeburg Academy and graduated from Kents Hill High School in 1956 and then served in the United States Marine Corp. He married Meredith Bennett on Sept. 12, 1959. Wayne went to work in sales for L.C. Andrew Building Supply in Windham in 1960. He quickly advanced to managing the Farmington, Maine, division and became Vice President.

In 1980 he joined Nelson and Small Wholesale Distribution as Vice President as well as Manager of the Recreational Division distributing boats, trailers and snowmobiles. In 1990 Wayne and Meredith moved to Naples, Fla., where he returned to the building supply business.

Wayne retired in 1999 to enjoy his family and other hobbies such as landscaping, woodworking and reading.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 51 years, Meredith; and their oldest son, Greg and his wife Annette. Wayne is also survived by his grandchildren, Jared, Tim, Ashley, Danielle, Devin, Megan and her fiancée Dylan and his son Joshua. He was predeceased by his youngest son, Doug Harmon in May of 2007.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday morning, Dec. 28, at Dennett, Craig and Pate Funeral Home, corner of Routes 202 and 4A (13 Portland Road). Burial will be in the spring at Number 4 Cemetery in Lovell.

Wayne fought the battle against different types of cancer for 40 years. We feel he would like to be remembered by helping a 20-month-old child, Byron (the grandson of Meredith's cousin), who has Ewing Sarcoma (bone cancer). In lieu of flowers, please make donations payable to Debbie Santa Maria (grandmother of Bryson). Please mail checks to: Mrs. Wayne Harmon, 166 Broadturn Road, Scarborough, Maine 04074.

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THOMASINA C. POLAND

Thomasina C. Poland, 82, of Woodstock, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010 at her home.

She was born in Sumner on May 27, 1928 the daughter of Lovell N. and Margaret Jacques Chandler. She attended schools in Sumner and Old Orchard Beach. She had been a mill worker at Penley's Mill, West Paris, making clothespins. She was a member of the Woodstock Willing Workers. She married Vernon Poland on April 12, 1947. She enjoyed taking trips with her daughters, yard sales and mowing her yard. She was well known as "Nanny."

She is survived by her children, Judith Brown and her husband David of Greenwood, Dennis Poland and his wife Debra of Woodstock, Sandra Monzo of Oxford, Sherry Poland and her partner Dee Beck of Lewiston and Tracy Poland of Woodstock; grandchildren, Tammy Davis, Aaron Bean, Rachel Curtis, Samantha Cheney, Alexis Libby, Brooke Campbell, Kenneth Grover, Jamie Monzo, Tara Monzo, Erika Monzo, Ian Monzo, Jake Poland-Beck,

Joseph Poland-Beck, Heath Poland and Brandy Poland-Seames; 12 great-grandchildren and two more on the way in April and July; and a sister, Maxine Camire of Saco. She was predeceased by her husband; a son-in-law, Michael Monzo; and two sisters, Joanne Emond and Jackie Chandler. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.andrews-greenleaf.com.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 27 at Andrews Funeral Home, Bryant Pond. Interment will be in the spring at South Woodstock Cemetery.



LEONAS F. HOLT

Leonas Freeman Holt, of Greenwood City, died Thursday morning, Dec. 23, 2010 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

He was born in Norway, Sept. 17, 1919 the son of Harold and Marion Hobbs Holt. He grew up on a farm in the Milletville section of town. He had many memories of these years such as "walking the plow" nights for the town as snow plow wings had to be manually lifted. He raised a prize winning pair of oxen, Pat and Mike. He with the help of his father and

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grandfather, shingled the steeple of the Norway Universalist Church.

In 1937 he graduated from Norway High School. He met his future wife, Fay Morgan, at a Norway Grange Hall dance. They were married June 20, 1942 and he moved to the Morgan farm in Greenwood City. He enlisted in the Army Air Force on Aug. 7, 1942 and served at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo., as a machine gun instructor. Upon his discharge he returned to Greenwood and for many years worked in the woods for Leo Cole. Later he worked as a carpenter for Emery's Builders in West Paris. During this time he did much remodeling of the farm house and other projects for the family. Upon his retirement he enjoyed working on the farm, raising his Holsteins and cutting wood.

He came to the Maine Veterans' Home in June 2009. While there he continually showed his appreciation for the efforts of the staff and entertained them with his sense of humor. He was named Veteran of the Month this past July.

He is survived by son Robert

and wife Jeri and their children Daniel, Richard and Jenny of Windsor; son David and his wife Sally of Norway; and their daughter Mary of Boston; Ann and her husband Bradley of Greenwood City; two sisters, Dolly Verill of South Paris and Edith Gardner of Norway. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 67 years, Fay Holt; and a sister, Anna Woodworth. The family would like to extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the staff at the Maine Veterans' Home and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice services for the wonderful care and support given to Leonas. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Lakeview Cemetery in Norway, time and date to be announced. Donations in his memory can be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, Activity Fund, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281 or the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, PO Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240.

BETHEL YOUTH BASKETBALL

Bethel Youth Basketball for elementary school age children starts January 8th at Crescent Park School. The program will run every Saturday for eight weeks, with two weeks of practice followed by four weeks of games, ending the season with a two week tournament. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, January 8th at Crescent Park School. Cost is \$15.00 per child if Bethel resident or \$20.00 for non-residents. There are three different groups with these times. Please come when it's your child's time.

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Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

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